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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF US DECISION RE ARMS FOR SOMALIA
REF: STATE 167604

1. YOU SHOULD INFORM GOK OF PRESIDENT'S DECISION IN
PRINCIPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN MULTINATIONAL EFFORT TO PROVIDE
SOMALIA WITH ALTERNATIVE TO SOVIET UNION AS SOURCE OF ARMS
SUPPLY. YOU SHOULD STATE THAT WE ARE DOING SO IN HOPE OF
ENCOURAGING GSDR TO DISTANCE ITSELF GENERALLY FROM SOVIETS
AND ADOPT MORE TRULY NON-ALIGNED ORIENTATION. YOU SHOULD
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STRESS OUR INTENTION THAT ANY ARMS SUPPLIED SOMALIA UNDER
THIS ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE LIMITED TO ITEMS DESIGNED TO
FILL GAPS IN SOMALIA'S DEFENSIVE REQUIREMENTS.
WE DO NOT WISH TO CONTRIBUTE ARMS OF A SORT WHICH
MIGHT STIMULATE SOMALI EXPANSIONIST TENDENCIES, AND ARE
ESPECIALLY MINDFUL IN THIS REGARD OF KENYAN CONCERNS OVER
SOMALI AMBITIONS VIS-A-VIS NORTHEASTERN KENYA. WE HOPE

THAT GROWTH OF WESTERN INFLUENCE IN MOGADISCIO CAN ASSIST
IN RESTRAINING SOMALI ADVENTURISM AND REDUCING RISKS THAT
SOMALIS WILL PURSUE THEIR CLAIMS THROUGH MILITARY MEANS.

2. YOU SHOULD ALSO INFORM KENYANS THAT NO SPECIFIC DECISIONS
HAVE YET BEEN TAKEN ON ITEMS, AMOUNTS, DELIVERY DATES OR
TERMS INVOLVED IN ARMS SUPPLY FOR SOMALIA, QUESTIONS WHICH
WILL BE SUBJECT OF FORTHCOMING DISCUSSIONS WITH SOMALI GOVT.
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